

4 KNOWN DEAD IN BRIDGE CRASH

Swift Action by Rescuers
Saved at Least Twenty
From Water

ACCIDENT DESCRIBED

Minister Swam Mile, Crawled
Out Almost Dead After
Giving Up His "Raft"

MARLIN, Texas, May 17.—Four dead, or missing, is the latest estimate of casualties in the collapse yesterday of a bridge across Brazos river near here. Persons reported missing last night had all been accounted for today, it is believed.

Quick action of quickly organized rescue parties saved the lives of more than 20 persons who were on the structure when it collapsed under pressure of flood waters of the Brazos. The known dead or missing are:

Frank N. Stalworth, mayor of Marlin.

Dr. W. H. Allen of Marlin.
Mrs. C. Mosley of Beaumont.
B. J. Briggs, 7-year-old son of Clayton Briggs of Marlin.
Survivors of the crash gave graphic descriptions of their experiences today. Rev. H. W. Knickerbocker, pastor of the First Methodist church of Marlin, among the men and women precipitated into the stream and swam a mile or more down the river before being rescued. He was too exhausted to tell about his experience for several hours after arriving at Marlin. He said they had no warning of danger until too late to leave the bridge and all went down with it when the crash came. He was kept busy dodging debris from the demolished bridge until feeling safest under water, he dove and floated with the current for about two hundred feet.

When he came to the top of the surface where there were many people around him clinging to lumber torn from the bridge. He made for the bank but was taken a considerable distance down stream. He grabbed a plank which afforded him a brief rest but C. M. Jeter was also clinging to it and fearing that it would not hold two men he relinquished his hold and told Mr. Jeter to stick to it. Mr. Knickerbocker then swam to what he thought was a bank but on arriving there it proved to be quicksand and he turned across to the other side of the stream. He finally reached a landing and dragged himself out of the water, falling exhausted on the ground. There he was found almost lifeless.

Mr. Jeter was rescued from his perch on the plank further down the river. Rescue parties from Marlin rushed to the river in a few minutes after the disaster and it was due to their quick arrival on the scene that so many of the victims were saved.

T. L. Jones of the Balto, Texas, Oil company was one of those on the bridge and floated down stream atop bridge timbers for an hour before his rescue.

Mrs. Mosley was not seen after the crash. It is supposed that she was struck by falling timbers. None of those missing were seen after their brief appearance on the surface following the collapse.

WATSON 'ON' HARDING

"Stormy Petrel" of Georgia Pokes
Fun at President "Pastimes"

WASHINGTON, May 17.—President Harding's "pastimes" came in for a verbal trouncing at the hands of Senator "Tom" Watson, democrat of Georgia, in the senate late today in fighting the provision in the tariff bill to grant the president power to regulate tariff rates.

"If the president gets this power," Watson said, "he will have to work. Think of it. He will have to work. He will have to dispense with many of his favorite pastimes. There will be, for instance, no more trips on the Mayflower to St. Augustine, Fla., no more jaunts into New Jersey, no more luncheons with Dupont."

"Does the senator think," Senator Norris, republican of Nebraska, asked, "it will also interfere with the president's golfing and horseback riding?"

"It certainly will," Watson replied.

General Pershing, who supports the war department program for an army of 13,000 officers and 150,000 enlisted men, declares that, had the United States been adequately prepared, this country could have prevented the World war.

Field Marshal Reviews U.S. Troops



Earl French and Col. Fairbrother

Field Marshal Earl French, who commanded the British army in Flanders early in the World war, is shown with Colonel Fairbrother receiving the salute of the One Hundred and Sixth Infantry, Twenty-seventh division, N. Y. N. G., as it passes in review in its armory in Brooklyn, N. Y. Field Marshal French, who recently was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, is making a brief visit to America.

BITTER ATTACK IS MADE UPON MINER LEADER

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main with the actual issues involved. He asserted that the fact that Alexander Howat, deposed Kansas leader, is in jail is proof that he was fighting the Kansas court of industrial relations rather than the international union, International President Lewis, he affirmed, was guilty of violating the rules of the union if Howat was, in that he ordered Howat to put the men back in the mines and then failed to do it himself when Howat did not. The constitution of the union holds Lewis equally responsible with Howat, he said.

The Illinois president said that his district prior to the beginning of the national strike had sent \$200,000 worth of supplies into the Kansas fields in violation of international orders and "are glad we did it."

President Farrington was interrupted by President Wilkinson who informed him that profanity which he was using would result in the convention being excluded the community center hall in which it is being held.

"I will use any language I see fit, and will not be dictated to by you," Farrington shouted back at him.

Stopped the Cursing.
"All right, go ahead and get us kicked out," Wilkinson replied and then explained that the management of the hall had requested that the convention confine itself to proper speech inasmuch as women's clubs of the city were using other rooms in the building. Farrington complied with the request during the remainder of his speech.

At the conclusion of Farrington's address, Van A. Blitzer, representative of the international organization and for a time connected with the provisional government of the Kansas district, arose and asked to be allowed to address the convention. Immediately he was followed by Vice President Fishwick and D. A. Frampton, the latter also a representative of the international organization.

A motion was made by James Doyle to allow all the international representatives as well as Fishwick to address the convention. The motion carried.

"Well, the gauntlet has been thrown," President Wilkinson said in announcing the vote. "I don't care, however, whether any of the international representatives speak. I am able to answer Farrington myself with no help."

Wilkinson asked the convention to reserve judgment until tomorrow when he would present his statement.

Farrington informed the convention that he intended to stay here until final judgment is taken, "if it lasts all summer so that 'one can't come in behind me after I am gone'."

Resolution charging officials of district 21 with neglect of duty and asking their recall in event the convention disapproves a suit for recalcitrance brought by them against the Oklahoma Leader, reported unofficially today as having been filed with the resolutions committee, have not been presented officially by

the committee. In the absence of the committee chairman, President Wilkinson today refused to permit members of the committee to make a report.

TRUCK 'HUGS' A DAIRYMAN

Will Burnett Painfully Hurt When
Machine in Gear Assaults Him

Will Burnett, an employee of the Pure White Dairy, was painfully but not seriously hurt Wednesday afternoon when he started to crank a truck that had been left in gear. The truck started forward and before Burnett could escape, it had "hugged" him against the side of the dairy building. He was rescued by fellow workers and taken to his home in the 2500 block on Fourth Place, by W. P. Herron, president of the Pure White company. Afterwards Mr. Burnett was taken to Oklahoma hospital for an X-ray examination. His hip was badly bruised, but otherwise he suffered no broken bones. He was then taken back home.

General German Strike Urged

BERLIN, May 17.—The central executive commission of all the socialist groups in Germany today called upon the German workers in the Rhineland and Westphalian districts to organize a general strike to be effective "the day the French march in to take full possession of the Ruhr basin."

7,000 More Acres Inhabited

ANGOLA, La., May 17.—Six to seven thousand acres of land, under cultivation by inmates of state penitentiary here, were inundated by a break in the levee at Bob's bayou, about two and one-half miles from the main buildings of the state farm today.

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CATHOLIC HIGH TO GRADUATE 12

Commencement Exercises
to Be Held May 12 in
Convention Hall

Commencement time will be busy for the graduating class from the Catholic high school, the commencement calendar just completed as to dates and hours forecasts. Class day exercises will not be in the day time but at night time, this year, being scheduled for the evening of May 30 at Holy Family Catholic parish hall. The 12 graduates of 1922 will provide the program. The day of days, commencement day, will be May 31, with the exercises at convention hall. The class of 1922 is to have the honor of organizing the first alumni association having arranged for the first annual alumni banquet to take place the evening of June 1 in the Holy Family parish hall. All alumni since the original graduating class of 1914 and numbering about twenty-four have been invited to attend.

The concluding event will be given for the class of 1922, the class. It will be a dance to be given in the Knights of Columbus home the evening of June 2, for the graduates by trustees of the high school at the time of its dedication and whose names are engraved on the foundation stone. E. Constantine, J. E. Wade, W. C. Norris and J. P. Flanagan.

WOULD CANCEL WAR DEBTS

J. H. Delafield, Banker, Says That Is
Shortest Road to Prosperity

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Cancellation of the \$11,900,000,000 foreign debt to the United States as the "shortest road back to prosperity" was advocated today before the annual convention of the United States chamber of commerce by John Ross Delafield, international banker of New York.

Payment of the big debt, now being arranged by the special commission created by congress, would diminish American export trade and cut down home consumption, Delafield said. He contended that the turning over of the money owed to this government by the allies would cause it to be placed in the United States treasury rather than in the pockets of exporting firms.

European nations will not be able to make the world function again economically without American cooperation, Elias H. Strawn of Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago, declared in an address this afternoon. Strawn called attention to the apparent failure of the Geneva conference and advocated that the United States be represented on the reparations commission.

MILL OWNER OUT ON BOND

Ricketts Pleads Self Defense in Slay-
ing of Rich Cattleman

ADA, May 17.—J. W. Ricketts, owner of a saw-mill near Lula, this county, was at liberty today under \$2,000 bond following action at a preliminary hearing in which he was bound over to the district court on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Bruno Mayer, wealthy cattleman, who was fatally shot at Ricketts' mill on April 27. Ricketts entered a plea of self defense at the hearing late yesterday.

Tusco, Biggest Elephant Goes on 24-Hour Rampage, Leaving Ruin in His Wake

TACOMA, Wash., May 17.—"Tusco," described as the largest elephant in captivity, is reported in a special dispatch to the Ledger today as peacefully consuming his fodder at Bellingham, Wash., after an afternoon, night and morning of rampage that stretched for 30 miles from Sedro Woolley, Wash.

Tusko hurled his keeper, H. Hendrickson, 30 feet in the air. Several of Hendrickson's ribs were broken. Tusko proceeded through the streets of Sedro Woolley, capsizing three automobiles and turning a dance into a riot. He then headed for the hills.

Flattened fences and orchards told the story and reports from

excited farmers and loggers along the line of flight added details.

At one logging camp Tusko uprooted three telephone poles. Looking out of an upper story window, a farmer and his family gazed upon the elephant's mighty back, hunched in a fortunately unsuccessful effort to overturn the entire structure.

A barn proved less staunch and after breaking it Tusko ate his fill and then proceeded onward. At dark Monday several hundred pursuers were forced to halt and all spent the night in the woods, taking up the trail at day-break yesterday. Sauntering up to two other elephants that had been included among his pursuers, Tusko later meekly permitted his recapture.

SENTENCE COUNTERFEITER TWO DIE IN OIL WELL FIRE

Total of 30 Years Meted to Harry
Thomas by Judge Williams

MALESTER, May 17.—Thirty years in a federal penitentiary was the penalty meted Harry Thomas, alleged counterfeiter, when Judge Williams passed sentence today on the man and on Bertie Rivers, a woman accomplice. She was also adjudged guilty by the jury when tried jointly with him and was sentenced to 10 years in the federal jail at Muskogee.

The pair were caught in this city several weeks ago while attempting to pass counterfeit bills which the man himself had altered from \$1 to \$10 each. His prison record of three previous terms weighed against him and Judge Williams sentenced him to 10 years on each of three counts on which he was found guilty.

Driller and Hauler Caught When
Texas Company Well Burns

AMARILLO, Texas, May 17.—A. Wilson, oil well driller, and J. F. Peterson were fatally burned in a fire which destroyed a Texas company derrick in north Carson county early today. A short circuit of electric wires is believed responsible for the blaze.

No trace of Wilson's body was found after the fire.

A gas blaze is shooting high into the air today. The rig was totally destroyed.

Wilson was the driller at the Texas company well and Peterson was a hauler employed by the Humble company.

Peterson died a few hours after being rescued from the burning rig. He had a wife and one child. Wilson was also married.

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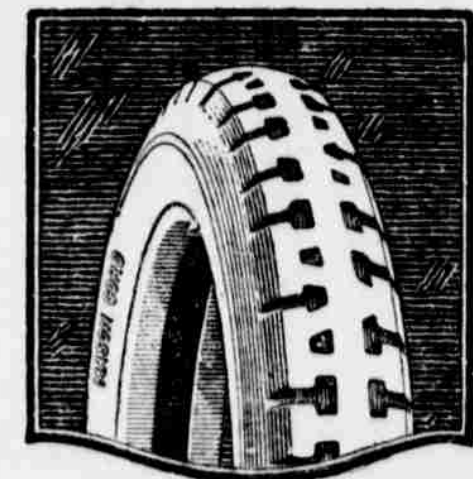
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TEST OF PATENT LAW

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Decision in State Court Favor-
ing Oklahoma Natural

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 17.—Litigation of widespread importance to determine whether processes used to produce millions of dollars' worth of gasoline from natural gas are patentable, is on the calendar of a federal court.

The Standard Oil company of New Jersey and the Hope Natural Gas company of West Virginia are appealing from a decision of the Oklahoma district court which held that the Oklahoma Natural Gas company is not infringing on a patent held by the Standard Oil company. Trial of the case in Oklahoma brought forth the charge that the Standard Oil company and the Hope

Natural Gas company, through demands for alleged excessive royalties from other enterprises, are creating a monopoly process which, it is contended, is obvious.

The process is not characterized by features which ordinarily are an invention or discovery patentable under the patent laws of the United States. The Oklahoma company succeeded in obtaining the process as a "discovery," novel, useful and patentable.

Manager of State Farm, M. A. LESTER, May 20, Sterling, 37, superintendent of state penitentiary farm for the 12 years died Tuesday morning at a local hospital where he was treated on several days ago for pneumonia.

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